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| Council Meeting Date: 11/19/2007  | Department ID Number: PW 07-071 |

## CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

**SUBMITTED TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

**SUBMITTED BY:** *Penelope Culbreth Graft*  
PENELOPE CULBRETH-GRAFT, DPA, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

**PREPARED BY:** DAVID A. WEBB, PE, ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS - OPERATIONS *DW*

**SUBJECT:** PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER WATER AND SEWER SERVICE RATE ADJUSTMENTS

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| Statement of Issue, Funding Source, Recommended Action, Alternative Action(s), Analysis, Environmental Status, Attachment(s) |
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**Statement of Issue:** Huntington Beach municipal utility rates for water and sewer have been automatically adjusted based on established formulas set forth in the Municipal Code. In order to comply with Proposition 218, maintain a balanced budget and to provide increased services to the citizens of Huntington Beach, staff proposes adjustments to the sewer and water rates. This issue was the subject of a September 17, 2007, City Council Study Session.

**Funding Source:** Revenue from water and sewer rates is received into the Water (506), Water Master Plan (507) and Sewer Service (511) funds and is used to fund the operations and maintenance and capital needs of the water and sanitary sewer systems.

**Recommended Action:** Motion to:

1. Adopt Ordinance No. 3794 Amending Chapter 14.55 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code Relating to the Rates, Charges, Annual CPIU Adjustment and Billing for the Sewer Service Charge.
2. Adopt Ordinance No. 3795 Amending Chapters 14.12, 14.36 and 14.54 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code Relating to Water and Sewer Service and Charges.
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2007-77 A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Adjusting Water Rates by the Consumer Price Indices and Including a Capital Surcharge Pursuant to Section 14.12.040 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code.
4. Adopt Resolution No. 2007-78A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Removing the Capital Surcharge under the Huntington Beach Water Master Plan and Combining the Capital Surcharge with the Water Rates.

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**Alternative Action(s):** Do not adopt the rate adjustments and instruct staff on how to proceed.

### **Analysis:**

#### **Sewer Service Fee**

Chapter 14.54 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code established the sewer service user charge, which provides for the design, construction, alteration, use, maintenance, and replacement of the City Sewer System. Pursuant to Chapter 14.55 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code, those customers whose sewer discharges directly to City owned sewer lines shall be charged a sewer service user charge.

Chapter 14.55 of the Municipal Code also provides that each sewer service user charge shall be adjusted annually to reflect the annual percentage adjustment in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers ("CPIU") in Los Angeles, Orange and Riverside counties established by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and available as of July 1 each year (+2.9% this year, or \$0.21/month on the single-family rate). The CPI adjustment and the sewer service program audit are presented each year to the Public Works Commission. This was done at the July 18, 2007, meeting of the Public Works Commission and they recommended that Council ratify the annual CPI increase.

Concurrent with the annual program audit, a sewer rate study was commissioned to examine revenue requirements to fund the operations and maintenance and capital cost of the Sewer Service Program. Based on the study, in addition to the annual CPI adjustment, this year staff proposes to increase the Sewer Service Fee an additional 42.1% (\$2.99/month on the single-family rate), bringing the total adjustment to 45% (\$3.20/month on the single-family rate), to cover the cost of annual capital improvements to the sewer system, support services provided to the Sewer Utility by other City Departments and add an enhanced maintenance program that will transfer responsibility for repair and/or replacement of private sewer laterals within the public right-of-way from the private home/business owner to the City's sewer maintenance section. This sewer lateral program will be a cost saving to the owner of any affected sewer lateral. The average cost to the homeowner to repair a sewer lateral is \$3,000. The current and proposed sewer service fees are presented below.

| Customer Category                       | Charge Type/Unit   | Current Fee | Proposed Fee |
|---|--|-------------|--------------|
| Single-family Residential               | Flat rate per dwelling unit  | \$7.11      | \$10.31      |
| Multi-family Residential                | Flat rate per dwelling unit  | \$5.90      | \$8.56       |
| Commercial/Industrial:                  | Flat rate per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU).  | \$8.26      | \$11.97      |
| High-Consumption Commercial/Industrial: | Flat rate per hundred cubic feet (ccf) of estimated sewer discharge based on water use | \$1.54      | \$2.24       |
| High Schools                            | Flat rate per Average Daily Attendance (ADA)   | \$2.27      | \$3.29       |
| K-8 Schools                             | Flat rate per Average Daily Attendance (ADA)   | \$1.46      | \$2.12       |

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### Water Rates

Pursuant to Huntington Beach Municipal Code Chapter 14.12, and resolutions adopted thereto, water customers of Huntington Beach are charged for water service as follows: (1) the basic monthly (meter) charge and (2) the Water Master Plan (capital) surcharge, which are both charged on at a fixed daily rate and (3) the water usage commodity charge. The fees charged for each of these are designed to recover the cost of providing this component to the customer.

Fixed rate charges – As established by City Council Resolution 99-50, it is proposed that the current basic meter fee be increased to reflect the percentage adjustment in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers ("CPIU") in Los Angeles, Orange and Riverside counties established by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and available as of July 1 each year (+2.9% this year).

The Water Master Plan surcharge was instituted beginning in 1995 to fund new water wells, reservoirs, and several delivery improvement projects as set forth in the Water Master Plan and needed to maintain quality of service. Per the original Water Master Plan Financing plan, the City's Water Master Plan surcharge will be reduced as shown in the table below effective December 2007. The remaining monthly fee was designed to fund the ongoing maintenance costs associated with the facilities built through the Master Plan.

The basic monthly meter charge and the Water Master Plan surcharge are shown as separate lines under the detail of charges on the monthly municipal services bill. Because the remaining Master Plan surcharge is designated for ongoing maintenance of facilities, going forward, these components will be combined into one monthly meter charge, with the funds deposited into the Water Fund. The table below shows the current and proposed fixed water charges.

| Fixed Rate Charges |              |            |            |              |           |            |            |
|--------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|
|                    | Current      |            |            | Proposed     |           |            |            |
| Meter Size         | Meter Charge | Surcharge  | Total      | Meter Charge | Surcharge | Total      | Difference |
| ¾"                 | \$8.27       | \$5.50     | \$13.77    | \$8.51       | \$2.00    | \$10.51    | (\$3.26)   |
| 1"                 | \$16.55      | \$11.00    | \$27.55    | \$17.03      | \$4.00    | \$21.03    | (\$6.52)   |
| 1-1/2"             | \$24.82      | \$16.50    | \$41.32    | \$25.54      | \$6.00    | \$31.54    | (\$9.78)   |
| 2"                 | \$41.37      | \$27.50    | \$68.87    | \$42.57      | \$10.00   | \$52.57    | (\$16.30)  |
| 3"                 | \$91.01      | \$60.50    | \$151.51   | \$93.65      | \$22.00   | \$115.65   | (\$35.86)  |
| 4"                 |              |            |            |              |           |            |            |
| comp.              | \$140.65     | \$93.50    | \$234.15   | \$144.73     | \$34.00   | \$178.73   | (\$55.42)  |
| 4" FM              | \$273.03     | \$181.50   | \$454.53   | \$280.95     | \$66.00   | \$346.95   | (\$107.58) |
| 6"                 |              |            |            |              |           |            |            |
| comp.              | \$273.03     | \$181.50   | \$454.53   | \$280.95     | \$66.00   | \$346.95   | (\$107.58) |
| 6" FM              | \$554.34     | \$368.50   | \$922.84   | \$570.41     | \$134.00  | \$704.41   | (\$218.42) |
| 8" FM              | \$968.02     | \$643.50   | \$1,611.52 | \$996.10     | \$234.00  | \$1,230.10 | (\$381.43) |
| 10" FM             | \$1,514.09   | \$1,006.50 | \$2,520.59 | \$1,558.00   | \$366.00  | \$1,924.00 | (\$596.59) |

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Water Usage/Commodity Charge - The water usage or commodity charge is based on actual meter readings. The monthly billing statement shows current use in units. A unit equals 748 gallons or 100 cubic feet (ccf) of water.

City Council Resolution 99-50 also established formulas for annual adjustment of the water commodity rate. These formulas take into account the cost of groundwater and imported water and the percentages of each that the City is allowed to take to meet water demands. The commodity rate adjustment is calculated based on information available on July 1 of each year. The proposed change to the commodity rate is as follows:

|                    | Current Rate | Proposed Rate |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Water Rate per ccf | \$1.4471     | \$1.3939      |

Please note that the City's existing water commodity fee will not increase this year. Using the existing method to calculate fees resulted in a decrease in the commodity fee for drinking water for the 2007/08 fiscal year. This is due to the fact that the cost to supply water will decrease because the basin pumping percentage, as set by the Orange County Water District, has increased and the City will be allowed to produce additional water from its groundwater wells. Groundwater is less expensive than purchased water.

### Sample Bills

The overall effect of the water and sewer rate adjustments is a reduction in the monthly municipal services bill for most customers. The table below shows a small sample of customers and the current and proposed monthly bill totals.

| Customer Examples   | Total Utilities Bill<br>(water, sewer, utility tax) |            |            |
|---|---|------------|------------|
|   | Current   | Proposed   | Difference |
| Average Single-family<br>3/4-inch meter and 12 ccf monthly use            | \$39.81   | \$38.92    | -\$0.89    |
| Multi-family A<br>10 unit complex and 50 ccf monthly use                  | \$279.60  | \$269.13   | -\$10.47   |
| Multi-family B<br>50 unit complex and 250 ccf monthly use                 | \$1,398.00  | \$1,345.64 | -\$52.36   |
| Commercial/Industrial<br>2-inch meter and 50 ccf monthly use              | \$189.56  | \$188.23   | -\$1.33    |
| Irrigation (no sewer service fee)<br>4-inch meter and 500 ccf monthly use | \$1,005.59  | \$919.47   | -\$86.12   |

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### Proposition 218

After the California Legislature enacted Proposition 218 there were many questions as to the applicability of the constitutional provision. California Municipal lawyers argued for over a decade that fees charged for certain consumption based services such as water and sewer were not subject to the mandates of the majority protest proceeding required by Article XIII D, § 6(a) and the substantive rules regarding the use of fee proceeds (such as a ban on general fund transfers) of § 6(b). These questions were resolved by *Bighorn-Desert View Water Agency v. Verjil*, 39Cal.4th 205 (2006).

The Court concluded that metered rates for consumption of water are "property related fees" subject to the measure. The ruling ostensibly applies to sewer service charges and charges for refuse collection by a government agency, rather than by a private waste hauler. Article 13D of the California Constitution created a category of fees known as "property related fees." Such fees may not be imposed or increased unless a local government conducts a majority-protest proceeding 45 days after mailing notice to all fee payers. Art. 13D, § 6(a).

In the past, the adjustments to water and sewer rates were determined by the aforementioned methodologies and formulas and were then implemented at the beginning of each fiscal year on October 1. As discussed above, a recent California Supreme Court decision held that fees imposed by cities on consumption based water and sewer services are "property related fees" and therefore subject to the substantive and procedural requirements of Proposition 218. *Bighorn Id.* In light of the Bighorn decision, the City has followed the mandates of Proposition 218 and on September 28, 2007, sent a notice of public hearing and the proposed rate adjustments (attached) to all property owners and water/sewer customers served by the City. Property owners are given until the conclusion of this hearing to protest the proposed adjustments. The City cannot modify the fees if a majority of property owners protest the proposed adjustments. A final tally of all valid protests received will be reported by staff at the public hearing.

This evening's recommended action will ratify the water and sewer rates formulas:

### Strategic Plan Goal:

F-1 Create long-term financial strategies for funding the backlog of capital projects and maintenance requirements, and ensuring sufficient reserves to withstand major revenue fluctuations in order to ensure continuation of city services during economic downturns.

I-1 Improve the City's plan for funding and completing infrastructure needs, and develop strategies for resolving crucial infrastructure problems to preserve the physical foundation of the community and enable the community's value to grow.

C-2 Provide quality public services with the highest professional standards to meet community expectations and needs, assuring that the city is sufficiently staffed and equipped overall.

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**Public Works Commission Action:** On July 18, 2007, the Public Works Commission recommended that Council approve the consumer price index adjustment to the sewer service fee. The sewer lateral program and the water/sewer rate adjustments were presented to the Commission as an information item at the October 17, 2007 regular meeting.

**Environmental Status:** Not applicable

**Attachment(s):**

| City Clerk's<br>Page Number | No. | Description   |
|-----------------------------|-----|---|
| 7                           | 1.  | Ordinance No. <u>3794</u> Amending Chapter 14.55 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code Relating to the Rates, Charges, Annual CPIU Adjustment and Billing for the Sewer Service Charge   |
| 11                          | 2.  | Ordinance No. <u>3795</u> Amending Chapters 14.12, 14.36 and 14.54 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code Relating to Water and Sewer Service and Charges   |
| 16                          | 3.  | Resolution No. <u>2007-7A</u> Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Adjusting Water Rates by the Consumer Price Indices and Including a Capital Surcharge Pursuant to Section 14.12.040 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code |
| 20                          | 4.  | Resolution No. <u>2007-7A</u> Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Removing the Capital Surcharge under the Huntington Beach Water Master Plan and Combining the Capital Surcharge with the Water Rates                       |
| 22                          | 5.  | October 29, 2007 letter from the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce   |
| 24                          | 6.  | Majority protest mailing (8-1/2"X11" format)  |
| 28                          | 7.  | Red Oak Consulting Recommendation on Rates for Sewer Lateral Maintenance  |
| 31                          | 8.  | PowerPoint presentation   |

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ORDINANCE NO. 3794

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH  
AMENDING CHAPTER 14.55 OF THE HUNTINGTON BEACH MUNICIPAL  
CODE RELATING TO THE RATES, CHARGES, ANNUAL CPIU ADJUSTMENT AND  
BILLING FOR THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGE

The City Council of the City of Huntington Beach does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 14.55.020 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.55.020 Rates, Charges and Billing Methodology. Water customers shall be charged a sewer service user charge at the following rates, as set forth below, based upon sewer charge customer category and charge type. (3505-10/01, 3570-10/02, 3614-10/03, 3658-9/04)

| Customer Category  | Charge Type   | Unit                           | Charge    |
|--|---|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Residential - Single-family and townhouses with individual meters.   | Flat rate for all customers in category.  | per unit per month             | \$10.3141 |
| Apartment - All apartments, mobile homes, and townhouses served by common meters.                            | Flat rate for all customers in category.  | per unit per month             | \$8.5556  |
| Regular Commercial/Industrial: Most businesses, including private schools.                                   | Flat rate amount per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU). EDU refers to either (1) the capacity of a customer's water meter in comparison to a standard 3/4 inch meter, or (2) the number of tenant units that receive water service through the water meter, whichever is higher. | per EDU per month              | \$11.9700 |
| High-Consumption Commercial/Industrial: Businesses with high water consumption relative to their meter size. | Flat rate per hundred cubic feet (HCF) of estimated sewer discharge.  | per HCF per year               | \$2.2398  |
| Public Schools - All public K-8 and high school districts with schools in the City.                          | Flat rate per student per year, with a different rate per student for K-8 and for high schools. ADA - Average Daily Attendance.   | High School: per ADA per year. | \$3.2943  |
|  |   | K-8: per ADA per year          | \$2.1214  |

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach at a regular meeting thereof held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

INITIATED AND APPROVED:

David Wick  
Director of Public Works

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

Renee Cullins  
City Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jennifer McGee  
City Attorney

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**LEGISLATIVE DRAFT****14.55.020**

**14.55.020 Rates, Charges and Billing Methodology.** Water customers shall be charged a sewer service user charge at the following rates, as set forth below, based upon sewer charge customer category and charge type. (3505-10/01, 3570-10/02, 3614-10/03, 3658-9/04)

| Customer Category  | Charge Type   | Unit                           | Charge                                  |
|--|---|--------------------------------|---|
| Residential - Single-family and townhouses with individual meters.   | Flat rate for all customers in category.  | per unit per month             | <del>\$6.7487</del><br><b>\$10.3141</b> |
| Apartment - All apartments, mobile homes, and townhouses served by common meters.                            | Flat rate for all customers in category.  | per unit per month             | <del>\$5.5981</del><br><b>\$8.5556</b>  |
| Regular Commercial/Industrial: Most businesses, including private schools.                                   | Flat rate amount per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU). EDU refers to either (1) the capacity of a customer's water meter in comparison to a standard 3/4 inch meter, or (2) the number of tenant units that receive water service through the water meter, whichever is higher. | per EDU per month              | <del>\$7.8323</del><br><b>\$11.9700</b> |
| High-Consumption Commercial/Industrial: Businesses with high water consumption relative to their meter size. | Flat rate per hundred cubic feet (HCF) of estimated sewer discharge.  | per HCF per year               | <del>\$1.4656</del><br><b>\$2.2398</b>  |
| Public Schools - All public K-8 and high school districts with schools in the City.                          | Flat rate per student per year, with a different rate per student for K-8 and for high schools. ADA - Average Daily Attendance.   | High School: per ADA per year. | <del>\$2.1555</del><br><b>\$3.2943</b>  |
|  |   | K-8: per ADA per year          | <del>\$1.3880</del><br><b>\$2.1214</b>  |

(3505-10/01, 3570-10/02, 3614-10/03, 3658-09/04, 3720-09/05)

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH  
AMENDING CHAPTERS 14.12, 14.36 AND 14.54 OF THE HUNTINGTON BEACH  
MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO WATER AND SEWER SERVICE AND CHARGES

The City Council of the City of Huntington Beach does hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 14.12.040 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.12.040 Water rates--Designated. The water rates to be charged monthly and collected monthly or bimonthly, as may be determined by the City, shall be set by a resolution of the City Council.

A Capital Surcharge to be charged monthly as may be determined by the City shall be set by resolution of the City Council. All monies collected as the Capital Surcharge shall be used for water projects that are consistent with the goals and objectives of the Water Master Plan adopted by the City Council. (3302-11/95, 3496-5/01, 3743-8/06)

The water rates, plus a ten (10%) percent surcharge, shall be applicable to areas outside the boundaries of the City of Huntington Beach, wherever the City serves water, including Sunset Beach, an unincorporated area, and Surfside, located within the City of Seal Beach. (674-12/57, 751-4/60, 892-4/62, 1100-12/64, 1217-7/66, Urg 1343-A-8/67, 1344-9/67, 1901-4/74, 1996-8/75, 2205-7/77, 2218-11/77, Urg 2709-6/84, 2826-5/86, 2948-8/88, 3119-7/91)

SECTION 2. Section 14.36.050 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code is hereby deleted in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Subsection (g) of section 14.54.030 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.54.030 Definitions.

- (g) "Sewer System" shall mean all sanitary sewer facilities owned or maintained by the City of Huntington Beach and used for the purpose of collecting and conveying sewage to the Orange County Sanitation District's treatment and conveyance facilities. (3504-10/01)

SECTION 4. Section 14.54.035 is hereby added to the Huntington Beach Municipal Code, said section to read as follows:

14.54.035 Maintenance and repair.

- (a) Repair and maintenance of all sewer mains dedicated to the city shall be the responsibility of the City.
- (b) Except as provided herein, repair and maintenance of all privately-owned sewer mains and all lateral lines, equipment and appurtenances connected to the city sewer mains

shall be the responsibility of the owner/user, and shall meet the requirements contained in Title 12 of this code.

- (c) City will pay the cost of repair and maintenance of all lateral lines from the City-owned sewer main through the public right-of-way to the private property line. The owner is responsible for all costs of repair and maintenance of all lateral lines on private property not within the public right-of-way.
- (d) The Public Works Director shall prepare administrative guidelines to implement the provisions of this section. The guidelines shall include administrative procedures, application and appeals forms and such other information that will assist City staff, decision makers, sewer service customers and the general public to understand how the provisions of this section are to be implemented

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach at a regular meeting thereof held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.

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Mayor


ATTEST:

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City Clerk

INITIATED AND APPROVED:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Public Works

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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City Attorney

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**LEGISLATIVE DRAFT**

**Section 14.12.040**

**14.12.040 Water rates--Designated.** The water rates to be charged monthly and collected monthly or bimonthly, as may be determined by the City, shall be set by a resolution of the City Council.

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The water rates, plus a ten (10%) percent surcharge, shall be applicable to areas outside the boundaries of the City of Huntington Beach, wherever the City serves water, including Sunset Beach, an unincorporated area, and Surfside, located within the City of Seal Beach. (674-12/57, 751-4/60, 892-4/62, 1100-12/64, 1217-7/66, Urg 1343-A-8/67, 1344-9/67, 1901-4/74, 1996-8/75, 2205-7/77, 2218-11/77, Urg 2709-6/84, 2826-5/86, 2948-8/88, 3119-7/91)

**14.36.050**

**14.36.050 Maintenance and repair.**

- ~~(a) Repair and maintenance of all sewer mains dedicated to the city shall be the responsibility of the city.~~
- ~~(b) Repair and maintenance of all privately owned sewer mains and all lateral lines, equipment and appurtenances connected to the city sewer mains shall be the responsibility of the owner/user, and shall meet the requirements contained in Title 12 of this code. (2931 4/88, 3613 9/03)~~

**14.54.030 Definitions.**

- (g) "Sewer System" shall mean all sanitary sewer facilities owned ~~and~~ **or** maintained by the City of Huntington Beach and used for the purpose of collecting and conveying sewage to the Orange County Sanitation District's treatment and conveyance facilities. (3504-10/01)

**14.54.035 Maintenance and repair.**

- (a) Repair and maintenance of all sewer mains dedicated to the city shall be the responsibility of the City.**

- (b) Except as provided herein, repair and maintenance of all privately-owned sewer mains and all lateral lines, equipment and appurtenances connected to the city sewer mains shall be the responsibility of the owner/user, and shall meet the requirements contained in Title 12 of this code.**
- (c) City will pay the cost of repair and maintenance of all lateral lines from the City-owned sewer main through the public right-of-way to the private property line. The owner is responsible for all costs of repair and maintenance of all lateral lines on private property not within the public right-of-way.**
- (d) The Public Works Director shall prepare administrative guidelines to implement the provisions of this section. The guidelines shall include administrative procedures, application and appeals forms and such other information that will assist City staff, decision makers, sewer service customers and the general public to understand how the provisions of this section are to be implemented.**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2007-77

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH  
ADJUSTING WATER RATES BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDICES AND  
INCLUDING A CAPITAL SURCHARGE PURSUANT TO SECTION 14.12.040  
OF THE HUNTINGTON BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, on July 19, 1999, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 99-33 establishing water rates for the City's customers effective October 12, 1999; and

On July 19, 1999, the City Council Adopted Resolution No. 99-50 establishing formulas for the annual adjustment of the City water rates which in part provide for an annual adjustment to the monthly meter charge based upon an annual percentage adjustment to the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers for Los Angeles, Orange and Riverside Counties established by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics ("CPI"); and

Huntington Beach Municipal Code Section 14.12.170 requires in part that all monies collected from fees and charges under Chapter 14.04 through 14.20 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code shall be deposited in a City water fund; and

Huntington Beach Municipal Code Section 14.12.040 establishes a monthly Capital Surcharge. The amount of the Capital Surcharge is set by a resolution of the City Council; and

Resolution 99-34 set the rate of the Capital Surcharge in an amount not to exceed \$5.50 per month in order to pay for ongoing maintenance of facilities constructed under the Water Master Plan. The monthly Capital Surcharge is charged either by the number of equivalent dwelling units based on meter size or the actual number of dwelling units, whichever is greater. Pursuant to Resolution 99-34, on December 31, 2007, the Capital Surcharge decreases to \$2.00 per month; and

The Capital Surcharge is currently deposited into the Water Master Plan account within the Water Fund; and

The City Council of the City of Huntington Beach now desires that the Capital Surcharge shall be included in the monthly water rates to fund ongoing maintenance of facilities in addition to new facilities; and

Including the Capital Surcharge in the monthly water rates will allow the Capital Surcharge to increase every year by the CPI; and

Pursuant to Huntington Beach Municipal Code Section 14.12.045, the City Council shall adjust water rates in order to maintain a balanced budget,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach that Resolution No. 99-33 is hereby repealed and replaced by this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach that the Capital Surcharge shall be included in the monthly water rates to fund ongoing maintenance of facilities in addition to new facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach that effective January 3, 2008, water customers shall be charged the following rates:

A minimum charge, as set forth below, based upon size of water meter plus a water usage charge of \$1.3939 per billing unit (100 cubic feet) of water for domestic, commercial and industrial service.

#### Water Meter Rates

| Meter Size/Type | EDU | Current Monthly Meter Charge | Capital Surcharge* | CPI Increase | New Monthly Meter Charge | New Daily Meter Charge |
|-----------------|-----|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 3/4"            | 1   | \$8.2737                     | \$2.00             | \$0.2399     | \$10.5136                | \$0.3457               |
| 1"              | 2   | \$16.5474                    | \$4.00             | \$0.4799     | \$21.0273                | \$0.6913               |
| 1-1/2"          | 3   | \$24.8211                    | \$6.00             | \$0.7198     | \$31.5409                | \$1.0370               |
| 2"              | 5   | \$41.3685                    | \$10.00            | \$1.1997     | \$52.5682                | \$1.7283               |
| 3"              | 11  | \$91.0107                    | \$22.00            | \$2.6393     | \$115.6500               | \$3.8022               |
| 4" compound     | 17  | \$140.6529                   | \$34.00            | \$4.0789     | \$178.7318               | \$5.8761               |
| 4" FM**         | 33  | \$273.0321                   | \$66.00            | \$7.9179     | \$346.9500               | \$11.4066              |
| 6" compound     | 33  | \$273.0321                   | \$66.00            | \$7.9179     | \$346.9500               | \$11.4066              |
| 6" FM**         | 67  | \$554.3379                   | \$134.00           | \$16.0758    | \$704.4137               | \$23.1588              |
| 8" FM**         | 117 | \$968.0229                   | \$234.00           | \$28.0727    | \$1,230.0956             | \$40.4415              |
| 10" FM**        | 183 | \$1,514.0871                 | \$366.00           | \$43.9085    | \$1,923.9956             | \$63.2547              |

\*the base rate capital surcharge is scheduled to decrease to \$2.00 on 12/1/07 per Resolution 99-34

\*\*A fireline meter (FM) is a type of high capacity meter approved for domestic or fire protection service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach that in cases where more than one "unit," as defined below, is connected to one meter, the basic charges shall equal the monthly and daily charges for a 3/4" meter for each unit multiplied by the total number of units. However, in no case shall a charge be less than the monthly and daily basic charges based on the actual meter size.

"Unit" means any building or a portion of a building consisting of one or more rooms separated from the rest of the building by a partition, and occupied independently of the other parts of the building or another building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach that the following exceptions be made to the rates set forth in this Resolution:

(1) Single Family Residences With Fire Sprinkler Service:

The monthly and daily basic meter charge for single family residences will be billed at the established rates for the meter size needed to serve the domestic

service requirement, regardless of actual meter size to meet fire flow demand. The domestic service requirement shall be calculated in accordance with the City's adopted Plumbing Code.

(2) Sub-Potable Service:

For those customers receiving Orange County Water District's Green Acres Project reclaimed water for sub-potable use, the water usage rate shall be 80% of the City's established water usage rate for potable water.

The minimum charge per month shall be waived on additional meters installed for the purpose of irrigation with sub-potable water until such time as sub-potable water is available. In instances where two meters are installed at one address and the monthly fee is to be waived on the second meter under the above conditions, the actual monthly fee charged shall be for the largest service at the address.

(3) Temporary Construction Service:

In cases where water service is established on a temporary basis to accommodate construction activities (construction water), the daily meter charge shall be \$2.3014 (\$70 per month). The water usage charge shall equal twice (2 times) that of the established potable water rate.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach at a regular meeting thereof held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

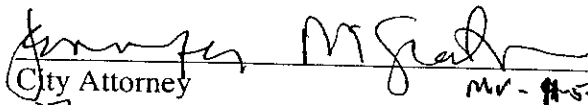
REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

  
City Administrator

INITIATED AND APPROVED:

  
Director of Public Works

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
City Attorney  
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RESOLUTION NO. 2007-78

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
HUNTINGTON BEACH REMOVING THE CAPITAL SURCHARGE UNDER THE  
HUNTINGTON BEACH WATER MASTER PLAN AND COMBINING THE CAPITAL  
SURCHARGE WITH THE WATER RATES

WHEREAS, Huntington Beach Municipal Code Section 14.12.170 requires in part that all monies collected from fees and charges under Chapter 14.04 through 14.20 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code shall be deposited in a City water fund; and

Huntington Beach Municipal Code Section 14.12.040 establishes a monthly Capital Surcharge. The amount of the Capital Surcharge is set by a resolution of the City Council; and

The Capital Surcharge is currently deposited into the Water Master Plan account within the Water Fund; and

The City Council of the City of Huntington Beach now desires to include the Capital Surcharge in the monthly water rates, which are increased every year by the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers for Los Angeles, Orange and Riverside Counties ("CPI"),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach that:

1. The Capital Surcharge authorized by Resolution No. 99-34 shall be included in the monthly water rate to fund on going maintenance of facilities and new facilities.
2. The Capital Surcharge shall be subject to the CPI adjustment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach at a regular meeting thereof held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.

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Mayor

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

*Penelope Callahan*  
City Administrator

INITIATED AND APPROVED:

*Dan Loh*  
Director of Public Works

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Terence M. Gray*  
City Attorney  
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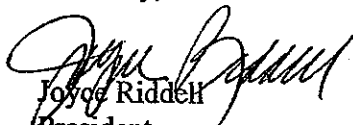
Mayor Gil Coerper  
and Members of the City Council  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, California

Dear Mayor Coerper:

At the October meeting of the Chamber Board of Directors, City Staff members Dave Webb and Howard Johnson reviewed with our board the proposal for the Sewer Lateral Program and the Proposed Water and Sewer Rates. After discussion, the Board unanimously supported both programs and recommends adoption by the City Council.

The board wishes to express its appreciation to Mr. Webb and Mr. Johnson for initiating the meeting and for their comprehensive presentation.

Sincerely,

  
Joyce Riddell  
President

Cc: Culbreth-Graft  
Webb  
Johnson

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## **ATTENTION – IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING**

### **Proposed Rate Action for Current Water and Sewer Customers**



**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT** the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach will conduct a public hearing on November 19, 2007, commencing at 6:00 p.m. in the Huntington Beach City Council Chambers, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California to consider approval of the City's water and sewer rates. The date and time of the public hearing is set not less than 45 days after the mailing of THIS NOTICE of the proposed rates adjustment to the record owners or residents of each identified parcel upon which the rates are proposed for imposition. Any interested person(s), including persons owning or residing at property receiving City-provided water and/or sewer services may present verbal and/or written input to the City Council on the proposed rates. The City Council shall consider all protests against the proposed rates; however, only written protests of property owners shall be counted to determine whether a majority protest to the proposed increases exists.

#### **Written Protest Procedure:**

A property owner may file a written protest to the proposed increases in one of the following ways:

1. Through the United States mail.
2. By deposit in utility bill drop boxes at Huntington Beach City Hall.
3. By hand delivery to the Huntington Beach City Clerk during normal business hours (Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm).
4. By hand delivery to the Huntington Beach City Clerk at the date and time of the public hearing on November 19, 2007.

Any mailed protests **must be received** by the Huntington Beach City Clerk no later than 3:00 p.m. on November 19, 2007.

#### **Address written protests as follows:**

Huntington Beach City Clerk  
c/o Written Protest of Water and Sewer Rates  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

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Each written protest must include the parcel owner's name, service address, assessor's parcel number for the parcel served, and the parcel owner's signature. Each property owner receiving THIS NOTICE will find the assessor's parcel number on the mailing label on the face of the envelope. No more than one protest per parcel may be submitted.

A majority protest shall exist only in the event that a majority of owners of the identified parcels submit written protests against the proposed fees to the City of Huntington Beach. The methodology of proposed fees hereby NOTICED to property owners includes annual prospective adjustments or ranges of annual adjustments, however, the formula or fee methodology does not change. The proposed fees imposed do not exceed the proportional cost of the service attributable to each affected parcel, and revenues derived are not expected to exceed the cost of service.

Should you have any questions regarding this notice or any information presented herein, please contact the City of Huntington Beach Utilities Division at (714) 536-5921.

**PROPOSED WATER RATE ADJUSTMENTS**

The charge for water service shown on the monthly municipal services bill is made up of three components: (1) the water usage or commodity charge (2) the basic monthly (meter) charge and (3) the Water Master Plan (capital) surcharge. The fees charged for each of these are designed to recover the cost of providing this component to the customer.

**Water Usage/Commodity Charge** - The water usage or commodity charge is based on actual meter readings. The monthly billing statement shows current use in units. A unit equals 748 gallons or 100 cubic feet (ccf) of water.

City Council Resolution 99-50 established formulas for annual adjustment of the water commodity rate. These formulas take into account the cost of groundwater and imported water and the percentages of each that the City is allowed to take to meet water demands. The commodity rate adjustment shall be calculated based on information available on July 1 of each year. The adjustments will be implemented effective the following October 1, which is the beginning of the city's fiscal year.

|                    | Current Rate | Proposed Rate |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Water Rate per ccf | \$1.4471     | \$1.3939      |

Please note, the City's existing water commodity fee **will not** increase this year. Using the existing method to calculate fees resulted in a decrease in the commodity fee for drinking water for the 2007/08 fiscal year as the City's cost to supply water will decrease due to the fact that the City has the approval to produce additional water from its groundwater wells. Groundwater is less expensive than purchased water.

**Fixed rate charges** – The basic monthly meter charge and the Water Master Plan surcharge are charged at a fixed daily rate. These components of the monthly municipal services bill are currently shown as separate lines under the detail of charges. Beginning December 1, 2007, these components will be combined into one monthly meter charge. The current basic meter fee is being increased to reflect the percentage adjustment in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers ("CPIU") in Los Angeles, Orange and Riverside counties established by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and available as of July 1 each year (+2.9% this year) as established by City Council Resolution 99-50. The adjustment of the basic meter charge will be determined based on this criteria each year and will be implemented each October 1.

The Water Master Plan surcharge was instituted in 1995 to fund new water wells, reservoirs, and several delivery improvement projects as set forth in the Water Master Plan and needed to maintain quality of service. Per City Council action, the City's Water Master Plan surcharge will be **reduced** as shown in the following table effective December 2007. The table below shows the current and proposed fixed water charges. For the purposes of presentation a monthly rate is shown. On the monthly municipal services bill the meter charge and surcharge are charged on a daily basis, computed from the established monthly rate, and therefore may vary from bill to bill based on the number of days in the reading cycle.

| Fixed Rate Charges |              |            |            |              |           |            |            |
|--------------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|
|                    | Current      |            |            | Proposed     |           |            |            |
| Meter Size         | Meter Charge | Surcharge  | Total      | Meter Charge | Surcharge | Total      | Difference |
| ¾"                 | \$8.27       | \$5.50     | \$13.77    | \$8.51       | \$2.00    | \$10.51    | (\$3.26)   |
| 1"                 | \$16.55      | \$11.00    | \$27.55    | \$17.03      | \$4.00    | \$21.03    | (\$6.52)   |
| 1-1/2"             | \$24.82      | \$16.50    | \$41.32    | \$25.54      | \$6.00    | \$31.54    | (\$9.78)   |
| 2"                 | \$41.37      | \$27.50    | \$68.87    | \$42.57      | \$10.00   | \$52.57    | (\$16.30)  |
| 3"                 | \$91.01      | \$60.50    | \$151.51   | \$93.65      | \$22.00   | \$115.65   | (\$35.86)  |
| 4" comp.           | \$140.65     | \$93.50    | \$234.15   | \$144.73     | \$34.00   | \$178.73   | (\$55.42)  |
| 4" FM              | \$273.03     | \$181.50   | \$454.53   | \$280.95     | \$66.00   | \$346.95   | (\$107.58) |
| 6" comp.           | \$273.03     | \$181.50   | \$454.53   | \$280.95     | \$66.00   | \$346.95   | (\$107.58) |
| 6" FM              | \$554.34     | \$368.50   | \$922.84   | \$570.41     | \$134.00  | \$704.41   | (\$218.42) |
| 8" FM              | \$968.02     | \$643.50   | \$1,611.52 | \$996.10     | \$234.00  | \$1,230.10 | (\$381.43) |
| 10" FM             | \$1,514.09   | \$1,006.50 | \$2,520.59 | \$1,558.00   | \$366.00  | \$1,924.00 | (\$596.59) |

### **PROPOSED SEWER SERVICE USER CHARGE ADJUSTMENTS**

Section 14.54 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code established the sewer service user charge, which provides for the design, construction, alteration, use, maintenance, and replacement of the City Sewer System. Per Section 14.55 of the Huntington Beach Municipal Code, those customers whose sewer discharges directly to City owned sewer lines shall be charged a sewer service user charge at the following rates, as set forth below, based on customer category and charge type. For the purposes of presentation, a monthly rate is shown. On the monthly municipal services bill, the sewer rate is charged on a daily basis, computed from the established monthly rate, and therefore may vary from bill to bill based on the number of days in the billing cycle.

Each Sewer Service User Charge shall be adjusted annually to reflect the annual percentage adjustment in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers ("CPIU") in Los Angeles, Orange and Riverside counties established by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and available as of July 1 each year (+2.9% this year or \$0.21/month on the single-family rate). The adjustments will be implemented effective the following October 1.

In addition to the annual CPI adjustment, this year the City proposes to increase the Sewer Service Fee an additional 42.1% (\$2.99/month on the single-family rate) to cover the cost of annual capital improvements to the sewer system, support services provided to the Sewer Utility by other City Departments and an enhanced maintenance program that will transfer responsibility for repair and/or replacement of private sewer laterals within the public right-of-way from the private home/business owner to the City's sewer maintenance section. This sewer lateral program will be a cost saving to the owner of any affected sewer lateral; average cost to the homeowner to repair a sewer lateral is \$3,000.

| Customer Category                       | Charge Type/Unit   | Current Fee | Projected Fee |
|---|--|-------------|---------------|
| Single-family Residential               | Flat rate per dwelling unit  | \$7.11      | \$10.31       |
| Multi-family Residential                | Flat rate per dwelling unit  | \$5.90      | \$8.56        |
| Commercial/Industrial:                  | Flat rate per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU).  | \$8.26      | \$11.97       |
| High-Consumption Commercial/Industrial: | Flat rate per hundred cubic feet (ccf) of estimated sewer discharge based on water use | \$1.54      | \$2.24        |
| High Schools                            | Flat rate per Average Daily Attendance (ADA)   | \$2.27      | \$3.29        |
| K-8 Schools                             | Flat rate per Average Daily Attendance (ADA)   | \$1.46      | \$2.12        |

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## TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Ken Dills, Principal Administrative Analyst  
Department of Public Works  
City of Huntington Beach  
**Date:** September 6, 2007  
**From:** Sanjay Gaur, Principal Consultant  
Red Oak Consulting  
**Re:** **Recommendation on Rates for Sewer Lateral Maintenance**

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The Public Works Department (Public Works) of the City of Huntington Beach (the City) has retained Red Oak Consulting (Red Oak) to provide financial consulting services related to the City's wastewater utilities. The following memorandum summarizes Red Oak's findings on the recommended rate to charge sewer customers for taking on the responsibility of servicing and maintaining lower sewer laterals.

### **Background**

Residential homes and commercial building are connected to the public sewer main by a connection called a sewer lateral. The "public" side (or lower lateral) refers to the section between the Right of Way (usually located at the resident's property line) and the connection to sewer main line out in the street. This portion of the sewer lateral is largely located beneath the sidewalk and street. The "private" side refers to all plumbing lines that are located inside the property line.

Under the City's current Municipal Code, Section 14.36.050, it is the property owner's responsibility to maintain and repair the entire sewer lateral up to the point of connection with the public sewer main. This arrangement is unusual amongst municipalities; usually cities will take full or partial responsibility for maintaining the public portion of the lateral. The private side of the sewer lateral is usually the property owner's responsibility and is not serviced by cities personnel.

### **Service Rate for Sewer Lateral Maintenance Program**

The City is considering implementing a sewer lateral maintenance program whereby Section 14.36.050 of the Municipal Code would be amended to state that all public portions of sewer laterals would maintained by the City.

In order to calculate the proper monthly service for such a sewer later maintenance program we used the following assumptions:

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- Number of accounts = 52,210
- Average cost of inspecting and fixing a lateral= \$1,600<sup>i</sup>
- Annual probability for inspection/repair of public portion of sewer lateral = 0.0167<sup>ii</sup>

Number of accounts x annual probability of breakage x average cost per repair fix =  
Program cost:

$$52,210 \times 0.0167 \times \$1,600 = \$1,395,051$$

Annual program cost / Number of accounts / 12 months = average monthly service fee  
per account:

$$\$1,395,051 / 52,210 / 12 = \$2.23$$

This figure of \$2.23 is only an average increase in monthly sewer bills. Since some accounts are larger than others, the figure is a simplification of what users will actually pay.

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<sup>i</sup> Based on discussion with Public Work Staff.


<sup>ii</sup> 0.0167 probability of breakage in a single year is based on a 60-year useful life of sewer laterals, as estimated by various environmental engineers at Malcolm Pirnie Inc. with experience in asset management. Useful life of 60 years assumes well constructed sewer laterals with factory manufactured tap connections.



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# Water and Sewer Rate Adjustments

*In Accordance with Proposition 218*

City Council Public Hearing  
November 19, 2007



## Past Actions

- o July 18 – Sewer Service Program Audit presented to the Public Works Commission
- o September 17 – Water/Sewer rate adjustment and enhanced sewer program presented at Council Study Session

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## Past Actions

- o September 28 – Majority protest letter mailed to all property owners and water/sewer customers
- o October 4 – Proposed rates and enhanced sewer program presented to the Chamber of Commerce
- o October 17 – Enhanced sewer program presented to PWC

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## Enhanced Sewer Service Program

- o Sewer Laterals
  - Line that carries household/building waste to the sewer main
  - Responsibility of property owner
  - Typically, repairs have been at the owners expense, even within the public right-of-way

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- \* back-up into buildings
- \* leaks or sinkholes in the yard
- \* slow moving drains

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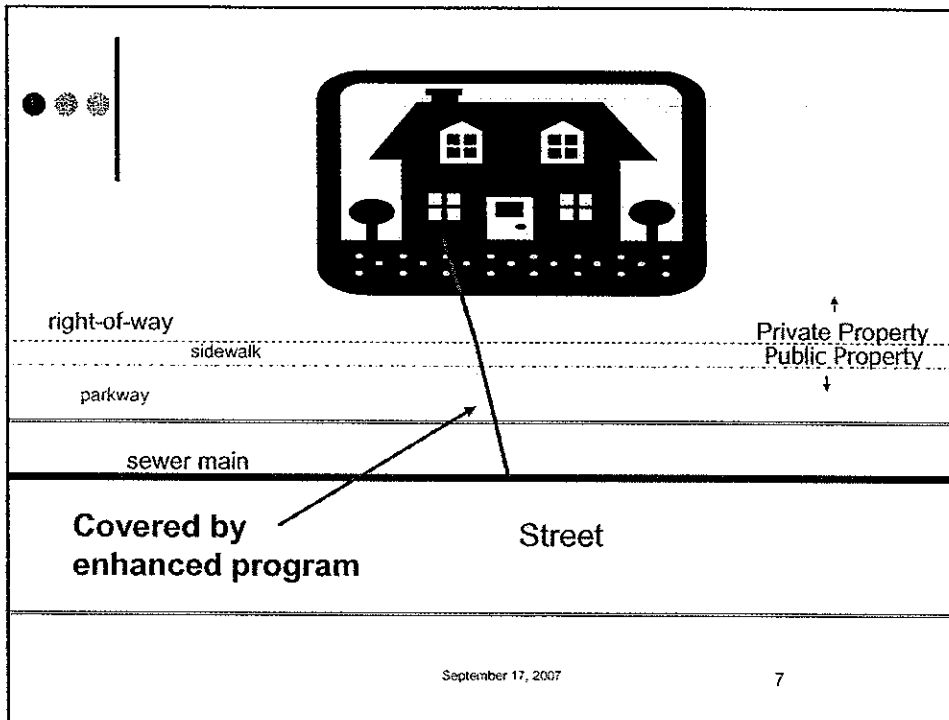
sewer lateral

sewer main

Private Property  
Public Property

Street

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## Sewer Laterals

- o Proposed fee added to existing Sewer Service Fee
- o Owner determines via cleaning of the line if the lateral is collapsed/broken or clogged
- o If broken, owner files claim with the City
- o City provides list of approved contractors to video the line at the owner's expense
- o If video shows damage within the City right-of-way, the City will fix and reimburse video cost

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## Sewer Laterals

- o Repair expense will be paid by the City for public right of way damage
- o Breaks/damage on private property remain the responsibility of the owner
- o City replaces sidewalks and driveways with standard materials only – owner responsible for replacement of any decorative materials

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## Water and Sewer Rates Past Practice

- o Water Rates
  - ✦ Per Council Resolution 99-50
  - ✦ Commodity rate adjusted each year with formulas based on the cost to produce water
  - ✦ Meter fee adjusted by the percentage change in the CPIU
  - ✦ Master Plan Surcharge adjusted by set schedule
- o Sewer rates
  - ✦ Adjusted via ordinance
  - ✦ By the percentage change in the CPIU

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## Past Practice

- o Rate adjustments calculated based on information available July 1
- o Rate implemented with the new fiscal year on October 1

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## New Rates

Based on the established methods

- o Water commodity rate (per CCF)  
*decreases \$0.06 or 4.1%*
  - \$1.45 (*current*)
  - \$1.39 (*proposed*)
- o Basic meter fee *increases \$0.24 or 2.9%*
  - \$8.27/mo. (*current*)
  - \$8.51/mo. (*proposed*)

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## New Rates

### Water Master Plan Surcharge

- o In 1995 Council adopted the Water Master Plan and pay-as-you-go Financing Plan with a surcharge on the monthly municipal services bill
- o Basic monthly surcharge scheduled to decrease from \$5.50/mo. to \$2.00/mo. on December 1, 2007
- o Because \$2.00 fee was designed for maintenance, it will be added to the monthly meter fee

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## New Rates

### Sewer Service Fee

- o 2.9% CPI increase per ordinance (\$0.21/month on single-family rate)
- o 22.1% increase to cover the cost of the implementation of the cost allocation plan-fully fund the capital improvement program (\$1.57/month on single-family rate)
- o 20% increase to cover the cost of lateral maintenance (\$1.42/month on single-family rate)
- o Total increase of 45% or \$3.20/month on basic single-family rate

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## New Rates Summary

### o Water

- Commodity rate decreases
- Water Master Plan Surcharge decreases and is moved to the monthly meter fee
- Water Meter Fee increases

### o Sewer

- Service Fee increases
- o Average single-family customer decrease in total monthly bill -- \$0.89

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## Majority Protest Procedure

- o All property owners and/or residents are notified of proposed rate increase
- o City Council holds public hearing on proposed rates
- o If majority (*over 50%*) of property owners/residents protest, the new rates cannot be implemented.

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## Proposed Schedule

- o November 19
  - Public Hearing (Protest Hearing)
  - 1st reading of new ordinance to adjust rates and adopt CPIU adjustments
- o December 3 - Adopt ordinance
- o January 3 - Ordinances and new rates effective

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*Shouldn't such charges belong to the City anyway?*

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*altho the meter chg will rise*

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Dear PW Dept People:

IF I understand this Proposal, neither water usage nor Fixed Rate Charges will increase. But if BLS lumps together LA, Orange & Riverside counties, I doubt anyone from the Dept of Labor (U.S.) has been out to the West Coast to check out the differences & similarities. LA has more humans living in smaller & smaller spaces rent being what they are, the Econ situation being what it is, & the burden being porous. 8 Riverside in the desert - last I looked. I.G. the Sewer upcharge/raise (in cost to me), am

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will define "deal"

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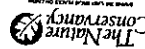
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CITY CLERK  
CITY OF  
HUNTINGTON BEACH

Parcel #: 163-104-34  
Date 10-06-07  
Sgm. Clark

Ms Mariel Burba  
17061 Herbert Ln  
Huntington Beach, CA 92649



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RESIDENT

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& it would've been useful if y'all had stated your Definition.  
Lateral could well indicate that the pipes are sideways,  
for all I know. I've lived in HB 15 yrs (this Thxning) &  
have never been charged \$5,000 to repair a sewer lateral.  
& if You mean that part of a pipeline on one's own  
property, I'd venture that length would be miniscule.

So this isn't a "Prot est"  
per se, but it'd be (would've been)  
useful if you guys had spelled  
out how you arrived at the higher  
sewer Rate!?

City of Huntington Beach  
Public Works Department  
P.O. Box 190  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Mariel

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Rudolf Goetz  
19851 Weems Lane  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646  
Parcel # 153-574-01

November 10, 2007

Huntington Beach City Clerk  
c/o Written Protest of Water and Sewer Rates  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

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Dear Administrator,

I strenuously protest the proposed increase in the sewer service fee.

Given the fairly recent enactment of this fee in the first place, it makes the city look foolishly inept of not having considered so-called capital improvements when the fee was first established, and thus not very believable at this stage.

The support services by other city departments is yet another catch-all phrase that does nothing more than add to the murkiness of this proposal. Where is the documented evidence of such costs in the past? It just sounds like a convenient pot established by creative accounting practices to fleece taxpayers.

Finally, I really doubt that you have had a significant demand level by a majority of homeowners who own sewer laterals for covering costs associated with transferring maintenance responsibility to the city. Clearly, it is rare that a sewer lateral from a home to the city sewer breaks for any reason and requires work to be done. To suddenly "make a program" to cover such costs is nothing more than putting more money into City coffers for whatever reason.

In conclusion, I cannot support your proposal by any stretch of the imagination, based on how it is submitted. There is no accountability and it is outright shocking that you folks have the nerve to propose it in the first place. 42% ???!

You need a reality check!

Sincerely,



Rudolf Goetz

Huntington Beach City Clerk  
% Written Protest of Water + Sewer Rates  
2000 Main St.  
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The Nature  
Conservancy

Irmin Langton  
10256 Garfield Ave  
Huntingtn Bch, CA 92646 -  
2506

Assessor parcel #: 00152

NOVEMBER 12, 2007

Re: PROPOSED SEWER SERVICE USER CHARGE ADJUSTMENT

THE CITY PROPOSES TO INCREASE THE SEWER FEE FIRST BY THE CPI, AND ON TOP OF THAT BY 42.1%. SEVERAL REASONS ARE CITED, INCL. TRANSFERRING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OF PRIVATE (!) SEWER LATERALS WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY. I AM HAPPY FOR THE PRIVATE OWNERS.

MY SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL RATE WILL INCREASE FROM \$7.11 to \$10.31. TO PUT THIS INTO PERSPECTIVE:

My AVERAGE WINTER (NO/OR INSIGNIFICANT LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION) WATER CONSUMPTION IS \$7 to 8 /month. THIS REPRESENTS THE ACTUAL AMOUNT OF WATER ENTERING THE SEWER SYSTEM. THAT \$-FIGURE IS LOWER THAN THE METER CHARGE AND LOWER THAN THE FLAT RATE PER DWELLING UNIT.

IT IS HIGHLY UNFAIR TO PENALIZE AN OBVIOUSLY CONSERVATION-MINDED SINGLE-PERSON HOUSEHOLD (MINDSET AND WATER-SAVING EQUIPMENT IN PLACE) BY CHARGING THAT PARCEL THE SAME SEWER FEE AS A MULTI-OCCUPANT DWELLING UNIT DISCHARGING A FAR HIGHER AMOUNT OF WASTE WATER INTO THE SEWER SYSTEM. WHEN YOUR FEE GOES UP BY 42%, IT IS TIME TO RETHINK YOUR ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A FAIRER, MORE USER-FRIENDLY SYSTEM, RATHER THAN ONE BASED ON A FLAT RATE THAT IS SUPPOSED TO GIVE YOU A MORE PREDICTABLE BUDGET INPUT. NOT ONLY WOULD A WATER-CONSUMPTION-BASED SEWER RATE ENCOURAGE WATER CONSERVATION, IT WOULD LIKELY RESULT IN HIGHER REVENUES FOR THE CITY AS WELL.

SINCERELY,

*Irmin Langton*



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Thomas Pollard  
17761 Redwood Ln  
Huntington Beach 92649

Parcel # 163-203-19

Phone [Signature]

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Dear Sirs,

Why does this city keep on  
Raising the cost to live in this city over  
and above the increases we receive on  
our Social Security and why do we as  
A single person Home owner have to  
PAY MUCH MORE THAN A LARGE FAMILY  
who lives in A Apartment?

Respectfully,  
[Signature]

Bart P. McGrath  
21051 Leasure Lane  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646-7136

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November 5, 2007

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Attn: Joan L. Flynn  
Huntington Beach City Clerk  
**c/o Written Protest of Water and Sewer Rates**  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

**Parcel Owner's Information (required):**

Parcel Owner's Name: Bart P. McGrath and Diana L. McGrath  
Service Address: 21051 Leasure Ln., Huntington Bch., CA 92646-7136  
Assessor's Parcel No.: 148-101-05

Dear Ms. Flynn:

Being in my 70<sup>th</sup> year and in my 35<sup>th</sup> year as a homeowner in Huntington Beach, along with my wife, Diana, **we strongly protest the proposed increase in water and sewer rates.** There should be some monitoring of conservation of water usage, very easy to do when applied to single-family residences. With some creativity, monitoring of the other customer categories could readily reward those who conserve and give you the opportunity to counsel and/or raise costs on those who don't give a damn.

My wife, Diana, and I have always done our best to conserve water, starting well over 30 years ago. For example, when we wash a car we never use a water hose or detergent. **We use one nominal size bucket of water per car**, and when finished, save that water and use it to water plants. We never hose down our driveway, walkways, patio or sidewalk in front of our house. What we do for that is use a broom and dustpan, period. **The costs are already way to high for our modest use of water and sewer service provided.**

Rather than this very large increase in rates, rewards should be given to those who are already making a great effort to save water. We expect our City in these tough economic times to show some **private sector ingenuity** and not just throw out a rate increase without seeking competitive means of rewarding people who are already making a great effort to not waste water, period. The sewer flat rate per dwelling unit costs should be tied in with the amount of water used each month. **Provide lower flat rate per dwelling unit charges and a lower cost per unit (748 gallons or 100 cubic feet (ccf) of water) for those customers with good water conservation practices.** To use an intended pun, **don't throw the baby out with the bath water** by jacking up the rates on everyone, when there are plenty of people wasting the precious resource that water is without the slightest care in the world. **Nail them.**

Sincerely,

  
Bart P. McGrath

  
Diana L. McGrath

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November 6, 2007

Huntington Beach City Clerk  
c/o Written Protest of Water and Sewer Rates  
2000 Main St.  
Huntington Beach, CA. 92648

Dear City Clerk,

It does not appear that we have any choice in this matter considering the state of disrepair of our sewer system. However a 42% increase should demand accountability of those whose duty it has been over the last thirty years to foresee the need to establish a reserve that would have been a lesser amount per year. In the private sector, accountability would be in the form of employment termination.

Someone or some group should be held accountable.

Sincerely,



Chris Christie  
413 20<sup>th</sup> St.  
Huntington Beach, CA. 92648

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Huntington Beach, CA 92648

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CLARENCE CHRISTIE  
OR CURRENT RESIDENT  
413 20TH ST  
HUNTINGTON BEACH CA 92648-3827



Proposed Rate Action for Current Water and Sewer Customers

ATTENTION - IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING

November 3, 2007

Mark Jordan  
20904 Monarch Ln  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646-5554  
Parcel # 00025ECRWSSC-21

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**RE: Protest of proposed water and sewer service increase**

To: City Council

As a Huntington Beach Resident I am writing the City Council to urge the council to vote "NO" on the proposed water and sewer service price increase. Please vote "NO" on the proposed increase to keep our family bills to a minimum. I know there are reserve funds available please choose to use those funds.

Thank you for taking this your serious consideration.

Sincerely

  
Mark Jordan

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To City Clerk  
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YES—I protest INCREASE OF  
Water + SEWER Rates. They are  
Already too much

My Rental House is:

9631 Alhambra  
Huntington Beach  
92648

I don't have paid P. TAXES and paid  
By Countrywide Mortgage Co.  
I've owned it for approx 25 years.

Jim

Webb Realty  
34151 La Serena #A  
Dana Point, CA 92629  
949-493-0761



October 20, 2007

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RE: Parcel No. 145-213-04

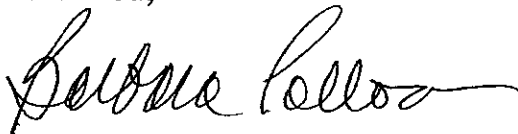
Name: Barbara Pollock

Property Address: 6622 Alexandria Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647

Dear Sirs:

This is a written protest regarding the increase in water and sewer fees in Huntington Beach. I cannot afford to have my water and sewer go higher since I am on a limited income. *I am opposed*

Thank You,



Barbara Pollock

6111 Palisade Drive

Huntington Beach, CA 92647 DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE ADDRESS

Jerome L. North and Donna R. North  
8885 Plumas Circle, #1120-D  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

November 5, 2007

Huntington Beach City Clerk  
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Re: Sewer Service Fee Increase

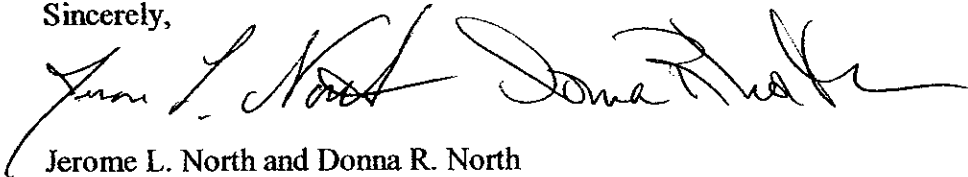
Gentlemen:

This letter is to strongly protest the proposed increase in sewer fees by over 42.1%. If the City sewer systems need capital improvements, the City should place a bond issue on the next ballot to fund it. Give the owners a fair way to vote.

It is inconceivable to me that you would send out such a notice and only allow protests in writing to be counted to determine a majority protest. I truly doubt that many of the residents/owners in the City noticed the large increase as it was strategically placed in the last paragraph of the 3<sup>rd</sup> page of the notice. It seems underhanded to me and I expect more from our City.

Please count this letter as a vote against the increase in sewer service fees. It is a tax, by any other name, still a tax.

Sincerely,



Jerome L. North and Donna R. North  
Trustees of the North Family Trust  
Dated 11/20/1991  
Owners: 8885 Plumas Circle, Unit 1120-D  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646  
Parcel No. 938-182-27

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Robert S. Espitia  
18821 Huntington St  
Parcel No. 159-471-15

Robert S. Espitia

Please Note:

This property is  
an empty lot and  
has no sewer  
lateral and has  
never use the  
sewer lines. NO HOUSE  
Robert S. Espitia

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Huntington Beach City Clerk  
c/o Written Protest of water and sewer Rates  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, Ca 92648

Gentlemen:

I request that the rates of water  
and sewer be not raised

Mary E. Jahn, Trustee  
16542 Thomas Ln  
Huntington Beach, Ca 92647

NTR 3744 BLK LOTS UN  
Parcel # 142-161-05

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Jordan Cooper  
20242 Eastwood Cir  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

Huntington Beach City Clerk  
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2000 Main St  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

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To whom it may concern,

I am a property owner and wish to protest the rate increases.

Parcel owner's name: Jordan Cooper

Parcel owner's service address 20242 Eastwood Cir  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

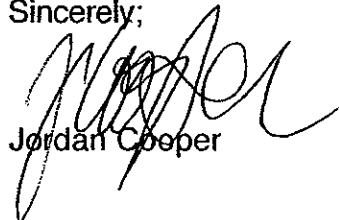
Assessor's parcel number: 151-072-43

I think it isn't fair to lower the per ccf rate on the water and to simultaneously increase the fixed rate charges for water meter and sewer fees. This penalizes those who, like me, go to great lengths to conserve water. Both water and sewer fees should be based on the volume of water used. Sewer usage will be directly related to how much water is used at the meter so it is reasonable to charge sewer use based on water use.

To do anything else will be unfair to those who conserve water, who generally use less water or who have smaller households. Please take this into account and revise your plan accordingly. The fixed fees should go down and all fees should be based on actual usage.

Thank you.

Sincerely;



Jordan Cooper

OCT. 31-07

Parcel No. 165-121-35

GERTRUDE WILLOW, 17141 Northfield Ln HB Ca. 92647-5532

Herby I protest to Property owner annual Adjustments fees for Popool Water Rate and Sewer Adjustments. I am on low Income, olerfor I protest to both increases for the future.

Sinserely yours  
Gertrude Willow

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Mr. & Mrs. Paul C. Lustig  
16082 Hilton Lane  
Huntington Beach, Calif. 92647

Account #

17327-1138100

I am writing this card  
in "protest" against the  
increase in sewer charges.

Carmelita & Paul Lustig

(714) 846-8945-

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(714) 375-7727

FAX (714) 842-4877

repdude@gte.net

October 29, 2007

Huntington Beach City Clerk  
C/O Written Protest of Water and Sewer Rates  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

City Clerk,

RE: Written Protest of Water and Sewer Rate

As a business owner in Huntington Beach for the last 17 years and a resident for over 42 years, I strongly protest the proposed 42.1% sewer service fee to cover the cost of annual improvements to the sewer systems.

This increase is way and above any traditional cost burdens placed on any utility users.

Something of this magnitude should have been covered by a voter approved bond issue.

Also if this fee is to cover the cost of the Ward and Garfield plant enlargements that will be servicing other communities than such reasonable fee adjustments should be amortized throughout the customer base.

Concerned Citizen,

John M. Drake  
7652 Slater Avenue, Ste A/D  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

00122 ECRWSS C-009 – Own 6 units within this complex.

Cc: Huntington Beach City Council

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7652 SLATER AVENUE, SUITE A-D • HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA 92647



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October 30, 2007

Huntington Beach City Clerk  
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2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, Ca. 92648

Reference: Assessor's Parcel No. 891-510-08  
9850 Garfield Ave., Space 8  
Huntington Bch., Ca. 92646

Dear City Clerk:

The notice of proposed rate increases in water rates comes as no surprise as each and every day, other utilities, clothing, food, gasoline, etc. etc. continue to climb. This may not seem bad to those who are earning large salaries and who are not living on fixed incomes as the older populous of our mobile home community are.

In as much as we have had to apply for CARE discounts on our gas and electric because of our low income, we imagine, that we will eventually apply for a discount on our water use bill as well.

We understand that the City, by providing us with clean and healthy drinking water has to pay their workers and possibly other costs that the community at large are not aware of. However, please keep in mind the older fixed income community when formulating your fees and possibly discounting fees administered to the older generation 65 and above.

We hope that you will consider our plea.

Sincerely,

Jose Ayala

Jose Ayala

Catherine I. Ayala

Catherine I. Ayala

Huntington Beach City Clerk  
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October 25, 2007

City Council of Huntington Beach please take notice of this as a formal protest to the proposed increase of water and sewer rates. You have argued against a water desalination facility and yet plan to increase water rates. I don't understand the logic and as such am opposed to an increase.

Lloyd Edwards  
Parcel # 151-542-01  
8832 Gallant Drive  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

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**17251 Apel Lane  
Huntington Beach, Calif. 92649**

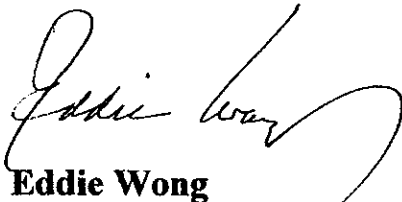
**Huntington Beach City Clerk  
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2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, Ca. 92648**

**Re: Rate changes for  
Eddie and Ruth Wong  
17251 Apel Lane  
Huntington Beach, Ca. 92649**

**Parcel number----163-051-22**

**I am protesting to any increases to proposed fees to the City of Huntington Beach. These also includes annual prospective adjustments or ranges of annual adjustments.**

**Sincerely,**

  
**Eddie Wong**

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This letter constitutes my protest against the Proposed Sewer Service User Charges Adjustments.

  
Beverly Montgomery  
16400 Saybrook Lane #34  
Huntington Beach, CA 92649  
Parcel No. 891-570-34

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Huntington Beach City Clerk  
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2000 Main St  
Huntington Beach, Ca 92648

Re: Parcel # 00244 ECRWSS C-063

I protest any fee increase in  
sewer, water or any other  
utility!!!

Taxpayers are getting exasperated!!

Not endless pockets. Please be aware  
we are just trying to get along!!

Thank-you

NR Radwell

18152 Lisa St  
Huntington Beach Ca 92648



Oct 17, 2007

d Debra J Gregg protest  
my sewer Service Fee  
increase.

Debra J. Gregg  
8892 Skiff Cir.  
Huntington Beach, CA  
Parcel No. 153-223-27

Debra J. Gregg

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Mitchell L. Bowes + Debra J. Bowes  
We protest any sewer service  
fee increase.

9851 JAMAICA CIR.  
Huntington Beach CA 92646

Parcel No. 149-084-42

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Oct. 17, 2007

Dear Council

I do protest up in  
the sewer rate we are  
already paying to much with  
orange Co & H.B.

Parcel # I thank you  
149-031-19 Mary Jean Sindel

9071 Bobbie Cir.

Huntington Beach Ca. 92646

Parcel # 149-031-19

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Dear council

We do not want a rate  
increase in water or sewer  
we pay to much already  
both Orange Co + Huntington  
Beach tax us for sewer

Thank you

Parcel # 025-041-21

1601 Huntington St

Huntington Beach Ca.

Debra J. Bigley

Mary Jean Lindel

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Dear council

We do not want a rate  
increase in water or sewer  
we pay to much already  
Orange Co & Huntington Beach  
both take for sewer.

I thank you

Debra J. Bailey  
Mary Jean Simsek  
Kell Huntington St  
Huntington Beach Ca,

Parcel #

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From: Reidel, Paul R  
Tremayne-Reidel, Jennifer  
Parcel No.: 146-233-37  
16651 Roosevelt Ln.  
Huntington Beach, CA 92649-3605

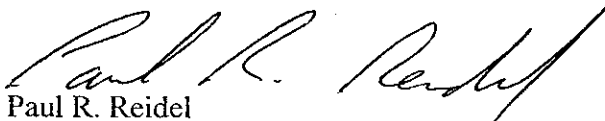
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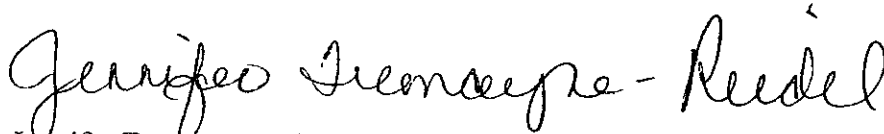
Re: Written Protest of Proposed Rate Action for Current Water and Sewer Customers

Dear City Council,

We, Paul R. Reidel and Jennifer Tremayne-Reidel, formally protest the proposed rate increases.

Thank You

  
Paul R. Reidel

  
Jennifer Tremayne-Reidel


THIS LETTER IS TO PROTEST THE  
SEWER RATE INCREASE & THE CITY'S  
WASTEFUL SPENDING ON THE SEWER LINES  
CONCERNING THE BRIGHTWATER PROJECT.  
A PROJECT THAT HAS INCONVENIENCED  
MOTORISTS FOR OVER A YEAR.

CHRIS WILSON  
PARCEL #00287  
3195 ANNE CIR.  
HUNTINGTON BCH.  
92649

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P.S. - THANKS FOR MAKING  
THIS PROCESS SO  
CONVENIENT, YOU'RE  
BOUND TO GET AT  
LEAST 10 PROTESTS  
FROM PEOPLE WILLING  
TO TAKE THE TIME.









*Ed & Judi Lane*  
15422 Cascade Lane  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

PARCEL NO. 142-273-06

WE ARE OPPOSED TO  
THE PROPOSED RATES.

*Theodore W. Lane*  
*Judith E. Lane*





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October 11, 1007

Huntington Beach City Clerk  
C/o Written Protest of Water and Sewer Rates  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Re: Rate Changes

Parcel Owner 's Name: Tim and Jila Storer  
Service Address: 6532 Kirkland Circle  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647  
Assessor's Parcel Number: 165101 - 45

City Clerk:

**Sewer Rate Increase.** The expensive houses on the Edwards hill has caused the cost of sewer go up. The owners of the new homes have to pay for the additional cost.

What is your legal document referenceng that rates must go up with the CPIU Increase and CPI increase? This should have been disclosed to the people who apply for water and sewer service at the time they complete the application.

The area along the intersection of Slater/Edwards and Golden West and Edwards still stinks and is worse when it the weather is hot or when it rains a lot. City has not been able to solve this problem yet and getting worse due to all of the houses up on Edwards Hill.

Instead of making your property tax statements fancy, you could have used that money and paid for the sewer surcharge and not make the ordinary middle class people pay for this.

I am definitely against the increase.

Sincerely,



Jila Storer

never except.  
Rates are high enough now, I do not  
oppose of an increase.  
I have called numerous times to  
report water that runs down the  
gutter nearly every day. It collects in  
two places two blocks down the  
street + I think it is a breeding  
ground for sweet nile. Nothing is  
done + I believe sprinkles from  
Gilles park is at ~~part~~ fault. It is  
a terrible waste of water that  
city needs to check out.  
We live on Arapahoe St and  
have for over 40 years. I have to  
sweep gutter everyday to pick up  
litter that comes down the water.  
They recently cleaned out Gilles  
park and now I hear they are going  
to plant more trees. City has enough  
parks + trees, they should take care  
of what is here not ~~add~~ to  
problem. Thank you.

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Parcel # 107-541-16

City of Huntington Beach  
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2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, Ca 92648

I am writing this letter to let you know that the increase of sewer service is not possible to be accepted due to financial situation, living on \$697.00 monthly income from Social Security. The property is located @ 8532 Howard Circle, H.B. 92642, Legal description N TR 3431, Lot 12 UN, Parcel #107-541-16, IONESCU FAMILY TRUST (Gheorghe Ionescu). The prices are going up rapidly for health maintenance, (doctors, medications, labs etc.), for food and other expenses related to every day life of Senior Citizens and owner of above mentioned property. Sorry for not being able to say YES for the sewer rate increase. I am proud of being resident of Huntington Beach and appreciate the excellence in managing our City.

Sincerely yours.

Maria Ionescu (MARIA IONESCU)  
8532 Howard Circle  
Huntington Beach, Ca. 92642  
Parcel # 107-541-10  
Ph. (714-847-5652)

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% WRITTEN PROTEST OF WATER/SEWER RATES

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HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I protest the Water and Sewer Rate increase.

Aléctor C. Ramos

ALÉCTOR C. RAMOS

18051 CLEARWATER CIRCLE

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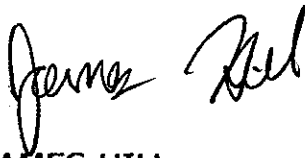
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ADJUSTMENTS.



JAMES HILL  
19832 ISTHMUS LANE  
HUNTINGTON BEACH CA 926246

ASSESSORS PARCEL NUMBER: 153-232-17

City Council 10/10/97  
6431 Harvard  
H.Q. 92047

The new proposed rates  
for Water and Sewer  
must not be passed.  
As a former citizen, paying  
water bills for 40+ years,  
makes a hard copy for me.  
These may be kept  
from this new rate.

Parcel # 145192-24  
Please Note  
CORRECT NAME  
Sincerely  
J. Waldman  
M. Mahon



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City of Huntington Beach  
public works department

Victoria Ramsey  
19372 Baywater Lane.  
Huntington Beach, 92646

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I am protesting the rate increase in the sewer service user charge. I do not want a rate increase. I am a senior living in Huntington Beach and am on a fixed income. All the utilities keep going up and are too expensive. My income does not go up and it is becoming more difficult to live in this city.

*Victoria Ramsey*

October 10, 2007

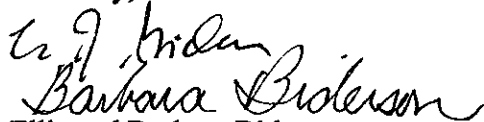
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To the Huntington Beach City Clerk:

We formally protest the proposed adjustments in the water rate and sewer service user charge.

Sincerely,

  
Barbara Biderson

Ellis and Barbara Biderson  
19161 Randi Lane  
Huntington Beach, California 92646  
Assessor's Parcel Number 153-431-12

17352 Lee Circle  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647-6208

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Gentlemen:

Assessor's Parcel No. 165-203-44

I protest the increase for these reasons:

Although the water rate and the Water Master Plan Surcharge are proposed to be reduced, the surcharge is combined with the basic monthly meter charge, which is increased, thus making the surcharge permanent. My definition of a surcharge is an additional charge that will be phased out. This proposal is phasing it in as a permanent monthly charge.

This proposal also transfers repair and/or replacement of private sewer repair to the City sewer maintenance section, which means me. Why should I pay for private sewer repairs? On top of this, my sewer service user charge is increased by \$9.00 a month.

So you give me a credit of \$3.31 but hit me with \$9.00 additional a month.

I object to this proposed increase of nearly \$6.00 a month. I am retired on a fixed income. I do not get an increase each year to pay for this increased cost.

For your information, my Assessor's Parcel Number was not shown on the outside of this correspondence as indicated in the narrative.

Yours truly,



Emma W. Willsey

10-12-07

To: City Clerk  
From: Debra Kyma (renter)  
Subject: Protest of Water and Sewer rates

I am currently renting the property  
at 8262 Halland Dr. (as noted below).

I pay for the subject services  
in addition to the monthly rent  
to the property owner.

I would like to add my voice  
with this written protest against  
any rate increases.

Debra Kyma  
8262 Halland Dr.  
Huntington Bch. CA 92647  
714) 841-4712

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GERARD BLANSTIN

17421 MARSH LANE

HUNTINGTON BEACH CA 92647

PARCEL 167-465-05

I AM PROTESTED THE PROPOSED  
INCREASES TO THE CITY'S WATER  
AND SEWER RATES

Gerald Blanton

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Huntington Beach City Clerk  
C/O Written Protest of Water & Sewer Rates  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, Ca. 92648

Dear Sir,

In regards to the public hearing  
scheduled for November 19, 2007, in the  
Huntington Beach City Council Chambers  
2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach,  
this letter is our written protest  
to any proposed increase in the City's  
water & sewer rates.


Parcel owner: Leland & Lily Yee, trustees  
of the Yee Revocable Trust  
address: 6821 Gas Light Drive  
Huntington Beach, Ca. 92647  
assessor's parcel: # 145-432-03

Sincerely,  
Lily Yee, trustee

Huntington Beach City Clerk  
c/o Written Protest of Water and Sewer Rates  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA., 92648

October 12, 2007

As a tax paying resident of Huntington Beach I want to protest the proposed increases in both water and sewer rates. We have been inconvenienced for at least five years with the construction, dust, closures, noise and general irritation of the sewer project on Bushard. It is still going on and having an effect on businesses as well as residents. We should not have to pay for the sewer people's gross mistakes and negligence in installing faulty and leaky pipes... it is ridiculous that you are trying to pass this on to the residents. You get enough tax revenue, for sure, to pay for ineptitude on the part of the contractors. In private business what would happen to contractors that made such ridiculous mistakes? Instead of raising taxes beyond the 2% allowed per year, the city just keeps hiking rates and charging extra fees. I am just waiting for the trash increase due to those ridiculous new trash cans. Here is my vehement protest which will do no good I am sure.



Farideh Gummerson  
20761 Hopetown Lane,  
Huntington Beach, CA., 92646  
Parcel # as per tax collector - 151-112-11

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Denis Carroll  
19455 Mountainview Lane  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

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Huntington Beach City Clerk  
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2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

I vehemently protest any further rate increases as proposed  
and to be heard on November 19, 2007.

I believe that current property owners should not bear the brunt  
of downtown or other city development.  
I believe this is the reason for the rate increases.

Sincerely,



Denis Carroll  
19455 Mountainview Lane  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648  
Parcel# 023-481-14  
(parcel owner and service address)

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**Protest Proposed Water & Sewer Rate Adjustments**

**Huntington Beach City Clerk  
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2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach , CA 92648**

**Your Name** Charles & Carol Hutson  
**Addres Rambler DR** 9392 Rambler ~~Dr.~~ Dr.  
**Huntington Beach CA**  
**92646-7906**  
**Parcel NO.:** 149-053-01

**Sign**

*Charles W. Hutson*

**Sign**

*Carol Hutson*

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Huntington Beach City Council  
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2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to protest any increase in the sewer rate for my property in Huntington Beach.

The property address is:  
22152 Wood Island Lane  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646.

The parcel number is: 149-352-28.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randall R. Bruno".

Randall Bruno

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To: City of HB

From: Kathy Buttselli  
3484 Mulberry Avenue  
HB, CA 92649  
Parcel # 178-401-09

This letter is documenting that I  
am opposed to any water & sewer rate  
increases. I am on a fixed income  
& it is hard to pay for any such  
increase.

Sincerely,

Kathy Buttselli

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City of Huntington Beach  
Public Works Department  
P.O. Box 190  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

RE: Protest of proposed water and sewer rates adjustment

Please acknowledge this written protest as it pertains to the property located at 16210 Bimini Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92649. The county recorders office reflects in its records that Stephen M. Quon is the recorded title owner of APN#178-644-64. If further information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen M. Quon, D.D.S.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephen M. Quon D.D.S.



Mrs Beverly C Luedtke  
6842 Auburn Dr  
Huntingtn Bch CA 92647-4067

Huntington Beach City Clerk  
% Written Protest of Water + Sewer Rates  
2000 Main St.  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Oct. 9, 2007

I protest the new water + sewer  
rates.

Name: Beverly C. Luedtke (Mrs Leo Luedtke)  
AKA  
6842 Auburn Drive  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

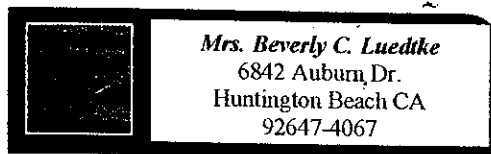
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Owner,  
Beverly C. Luedtke

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**Protest Proposed Water & Sewer Rate Adjustments**

**Huntington Beach City Clerk  
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Huntington Beach , CA 92648**

**Curtis L Stelley JR TR  
Diane G Stelley TR  
9422 Rambler DR  
Huntington Beach CA  
92646-7906  
Parcel NO.:149-053-03**

*Curtis L Stelley JR TR*  
**Curtis L Stelley JR TR**

*Diane G Stelley TR*  
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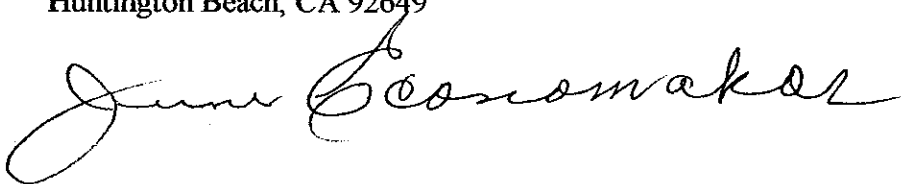
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Parcel # 178 284 22

Water is the one necessary utility that the City makes a profit on and we do not feel that we should be penalized with this proposed increase. There are many retired people and those of fixed incomes of one kind or another that will be hurt if this increase is forced on them. It seems that the emphasis is looked upon the high income wage earners who will absorb an increase without even looking at it but that is certainly not the case for the older and long time residents that do not belong to the newly affluent, etc..

My husband and I want to go on record as being 100% against this proposed increase.

Peter and June Economakos  
17031 Malta Circle  
Huntington Beach, CA 92649

 10/9/2007



10/02/2007

Hao Duan  
6902 Marilyn Dr.  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647  
Parcel No. 146-254-16

Huntington Beach City Clerk  
c/o Written Protest of Water and Sewer Rates  
2000 Main St.  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

REF: Written protest to the proposed rate increases

To Whom It May Concern:

As property owner at address above, I am writing this letter to strongly protest the proposed water and sewer rate increases. Please keep the fee unchanged.

Thank you,



Hao Duan

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Betty A. Twaddell owner  
4005 Aladdin Drive  
Huntington Beach, CA 92649  
00068 - - - - ECRWSS - - C-005

I am a widow living alone at this  
address and hope my bills don't keep  
going up, so I am protesting the extra  
charge.

Betty A Twaddell  
714-846-5402

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PARVIZ ALAI

Resident

9331 DARROW DR

Huntington BEACH CA 92646

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I am strongly protesting against increases  
in water and sewer rates.

Thank you

Sincerely

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W. FRANK ELLISON

3911 Finisterre Drive  
Huntington Beach, CA 92649  
Phone: (714) 846-3436

October 9, 2007

Huntington Beach City Council  
c/o Huntington Beach City Clerk  
c/o Written Protest of Water and Sewer Rates  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Gentlemen and Ladies:

Please accept this as our PROTEST against ANY increase Water and/or Sewer Rates.

Owner's Name: W. Frank And Maxine Ellison  
Service Address: 3911 Finisterre Drive  
Assessor's Parcel Number: 00106=====ECRWSS\*\*C-003

Sincerely,

  
W. Frank Ellison

  
Maxine Ellison

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Peter Cavanna

10-8-07

THIS IS A NOTE TO TELL  
YOU I DON'T WANT  
A RATE INCREASE IN  
MY WATER AND SEWER  
RATES.

Ph. #

THANK YOU

714/982-2603

Peter Cavanna

PETER J. CAVANNA  
21092-CHUBASC IN.

HUNT. Bch. CA.

PARCEL #

92646

149-312-05

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PHYLLIS HILL  
8566 VAN NESS COURT 20D  
HUNTINGTON BEACH CA 92646

ASSESSORS PARCEL NUMBER: 932-801-46

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to: Huntington Beach City Clerk  
c/o written protest of water and  
sewer Rates.  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

From: Janet Leland  
8478 El Arroyo Drive  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

Parcel # 00386-...-ECRWSS-C-048

This is in protest to an INcrease  
of water and Sewer Rates

Huntington Beach is the only City that  
I'm aware of that has City tax tagged  
on to all of our Utility Bills; phone,  
Gas, Edison, etc.

This is something the City of H.B. has  
gotten away with for decades and  
it needs to stop!

Janet Leland  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Jerry Del Mauro

"Success Based On  
Integrity And Service."

~~714-390-2552~~

Asses # 60103  
4202 person de  
alg

I protest the

Proposed increased

Thank you

Mr. Schreder

7148464878

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PAMELA JEAN MCELROY

5802 SPARROW DR.

Huntington Beach, Ca. 92649

00213 ECRWSS C-026

I Protest the proposed increase.

\* City fills sink holes without investigating.

\* 4.75% increase + chg. the home owner  
\$3,000 - not acceptance.

*Pamela J. McElroy* 10/9/2007

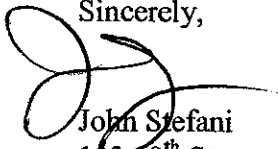
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To Whom It May Concern:

I, John Paul Stefani, am the owner of 113 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648. The assessor's parcel number to my property is 023-165-21. I am completely against the implementation of any water rate increase to my property. Please note this letter as a "No" vote to this proposed increase.

Sincerely,



John Stefani  
113 18<sup>th</sup> St.  
HB, CA 92648

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Huntington Beach City Clerk  
Written Protest of Water and Sewer Rates  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach CA 92648

I, Patricia Meyers, protest the increase of the water and sewer rates.

*Patricia F. Meyers, FR*

Patricia F. Meyers  
8442 Danbury Circle  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

N TR 3908 BKL Lot 20 UN

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I AS A RESIDENT OF HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA  
PROTEST TO THE PROPOSED INCREASES  
IN THE WATER AND SEWER RATES.

MARY SHERIDAN  
416 CALIF. ST.  
HUNTINGTON BEACH  
CA. 92648

PARCEL No. - 024-222-10

Mary Sheridan

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Huntington Beach City Clerk.

Re Protesting raising Sewer Rate.

For years us residents have been greatly inconvenienced by torn-up streets because of extremely slow sewer installation.

To add insult to injury now you plan to raise the fee.  
Too bad it isn't a tax & it could only be confirmed by a Prop. 13 vote.  
To raise the fee by 14.5% is overkill!

Why is it taking so long?  
Why is it costing so much?

Assessors #  
00066-ECROSS-C-054  
County 153-432-22

Alice Betty Johnson  
Alice Betty Johnson  
9102 Hyde Park Dr.  
Huntington Beach CA  
92646

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October 6, 2007

Huntington Beach City Clerk  
c/o Written Protest of Water and Sewer Rates  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA. 92648

SUBJECT: PROTESTING OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASE FOR WATER  
AND SEWER

To whom it may concern -

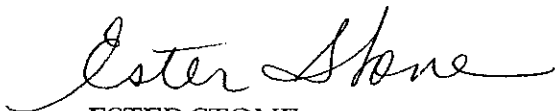
I am a property owner in the Huntington Landmark Senior Community, residing at 8885 Plumas Circle -Unit #1118-C in Huntington Beach, 92646. As you can see, I live in a retirement community and my water and sewage fees are tied to my monthly Home Owners fees.

As a resident in this community, I have NO LAWN and NO PLANTS which I am responsible for, personally, and my water usage is minimal when compared to homeowners who reside in usual neighborhoods where each home has a front and rear yard with plants and lawns which require a lot of watering during the week. I feel I should NOT be expected to pay an 'across the board' increase since my water consumption is minimal, comparatively speaking.

I am on a FIXED INCOME and this increase is CERTAIN to raise my monthly homeowner fees ..It is for this reason I am stating ..MY WRITTEN PROTEST with regard to these proposed rate increases.

My Parcel # (as it appears on the face of the information bulletin) is shown as 00445 \*\*\*\*\*ECRWSS\*\*C-061.

Thank you for your consideration of this protest.



ESTER STONE  
8885 Plumas Circle - Unit 1118-C  
Huntington Beach, CA. 92646-5799



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5362 NEWFIELD CIRCLE

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HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA. 92649

PARCEL No. 146-611-21

WE OPPOSE ANY INCREASE IN  
TAXES, CHARGES ETC BY THE CITY  
OF HUNTINGTON BEACH.

I HAVE LIVED IN HUNTINGTON BEACH  
FOR OVER 30 YEARS AND THERE HAS  
NEVER BEEN A REDUCTION IN ANY  
CHARGE OR TAX.

HUNTINGTON BEACH IS  
"TAX AND SPEND". ISNT THERE ANY  
PUBLIC OFFICIALS THAT FIGHT  
FOR TAX PAYERS?

I THINK ITS TIME TO  
NEUTER THE CITY COUNCIL

RICHARD BONIN  
5362 NEWFIELD CIRCLE  
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92648

TO: HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY CLERK

I PROTEST THE RATE INCREASES  
FOR SEWER SERVICES.

FROM: CRAIG JONES  
8871 BELLSHIRE DR  
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92646

ASSESSOR PARCEL # 151-531-31

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Craig Jones', with a large, stylized 'C' and a checkmark-like flourish.

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Mervin C. Woodcock  
15381 Cambay Ln.  
Huntington Beach, CA 92649-1227

Assessor's Parcel Number  
145-033-05

Dear Sirs

I protest the proposed  
sales increase fees.

Sincerely,

Mervin C. Woodcock

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Daniel Perry Becker  
6411 Glenfox Dr.  
Huntington Beach, Cal.  
90647  
Parcel No. 159-083-14

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To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly object to the increase in the proposed water rate adjustment and the proposed sewer service user charge adjustment.

  
Daniel Perry Becker

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% WRITTEN PROTECT of WATER & SEWER RATES

I MANUEL GONZALES is filing  
THIS PROTECT AGAINST ANY  
PROPOSED RATE INCREASES

PARCEL NUMBER - 151-591-02

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20032 VINTAGE LANE  
HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA 92646

*Manuela Gonzales*

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CITY TREASURER'S DEPT.

October 6, 2007

City of Huntington Beach

My husband and I have  
been residents of H.B.,  
homeowners, for 37 years.  
What is with H. Beach  
continuously tapping us?!!  
Sewer tax, trash tax,  
etc. You should have  
built those sewers 30+  
years ago which you  
ignored (whoever was  
in office.)  
While in our sixties on a  
fixed income and we have  
to pay for this!

2

You're taking us out  
of our home.

Seriously thinking of  
moving out of H. Beach

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kava

Parcel number :

107-386-02

This no. is from  
our property tax bill  
for County of Orange  
for fiscal year

July 1, 2006 - June 30, 07

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To: City Council OF THE City OF  
Huntington Beach.

THE MAJORITY PROPERTY OWNER AND/OR  
RESIDENTS WILL PROTEST TO THE PROPOSED  
INCREASES WATER AND/OR SEWER, \$ 0.00

I PROTEST FOR ANY INCREASES PARCEL No.  
# 153-432-01

PAUL L. SHOOL

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I RAUL O. GONZALES *Raul O. Gonzales*  
HEARBY RECORD WITH THIS LETTER A PROTEST  
AND OPPOSITION TO ANY RATE INCREASE TO THE  
CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH WATER & SEWER CURRENT RATE,  
AT THIS TIME.

SOLE PROPERTY OWNER RAUL O. GONZALES  
SERVICE ADDRESS 6372 DOWN DRIVE

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA 92647

ASSESSORS PARCEL # 145-272-32

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Mr. Raul Gonzales  
24637 Willow Ter.  
Harbor City, CA 90710-4570

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**ERNIE & LINDA GJENDEM  
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**SUBJECT: WRITTEN PROTEST OF WATER AND SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENTS**

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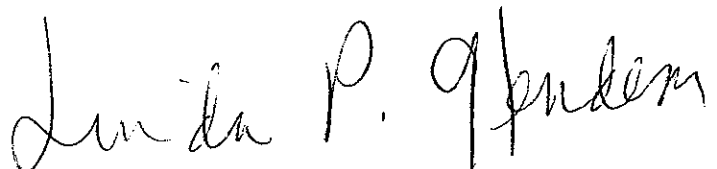
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Huntington Beach City Clerk  
c/o Written Protest of Water and Sewer Rates  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

RE: Parcel #146-504-25

Name: Barbara Pollock

Property address: 6111 Palisade Drive, Huntington Beach, CA  
92647

Dear Sirs:

I am OPPOSED to increases in water and sewer rates. Living on a limited income, I can hardly afford the cost now and it is a hardship for me.

Thank you

  
Barbara Pollock

Oct-18<sup>th</sup> 07

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UTILITIES DIVISION  
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City Council

I'm 83 years Not good health

and on low-income #1, 292 SS.

I get a break on my Gas Phone  
(I call a month lights). I get a

break on my trash but not on  
the water. I cut back so my

Bills aren't too high. I only wash  
my clothes once a month to cut

back. Property tax is high so I  
cut back. I don't know why I

don't get it on my water?

I live alone my Mommy passed away  
in 1988. I sure miss him. He was

disabled (blind). The only place I go  
is to the Dr.'s or Hospital on a

walker. My Neighbor picks up things  
at the store for me and I write

her a check. I'm hoping they don't  
pass the ~~sewer~~ water. I'm having

enough trouble as it is.

I'd like it on Water for low-income



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acc # 10213-716600 (water)  
parcel # 1945232-10

Kay Rice  
6901 Canterbury Cir  
Huntington Beach, Cal.  
92647.

<sup>didn't</sup>  
When we moved here 1983 they let us  
use Prop 13 because we were in the  
Los Angeles County. Photos why my taxes  
are so high. Take care of your health.

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JOSEPH M COSTANZO-PARCEL NO. 153-292-15-  
19911 POTOMAC LY HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF 92646  
I WANT TO PROTEST THE PROPOSED RATE  
HIKE ON OUR WATER AND TRASH BILL. WHAT  
YOU CALL A FEE IS REALLY A TAX HIKE, AND  
SINCE PROP 13 PASSED THE COUNTY SANITATION  
DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH  
BY HOOK OR CROOK HAVE BEEN TAKING ADVANTAGE  
OF THE RESIDENTS OF H.B. SHAME ON YOU.  
AFTER READING YOUR FLYER I SEE YOU WANT  
ME TO SUBSIDIZE THE MULTI FAMILY UNITS  
BY \$175 PER MONTH I AM ALREADY BEING TAXED  
A LOT TO SUBSIDIZE THE PEOPLE IN THESE UNITS.  
AS FOR THE COUNTY THEY RAISED THE SEWER  
FEE FROM \$100.<sup>00</sup> TO 180.<sup>00</sup> THIS YEAR THEY  
ARE ANOTHER GREEDY BUNCH SINCE PROP 13  
PASSED. YOU ARE CHARGING COMMERCIAL 11.97  
AND YOU ARE CHARGING ME 10.31. ~~1.66~~ <sup>\$</sup> DIFF  
WHO PUTS MORE SEWAGE IN THE SEWER  
LINE A BUSINESS OR AN ANTIQUE CITIZEN  
ON FIXED INCOME? THINK ABOUT THE TAX  
HIKE BEFORE YOU VOTE.

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